

Remarks

Claims 19-42 are pending in this application. Please cancel claims 1-18 without prejudice to their reintroduction in a subsequent application.

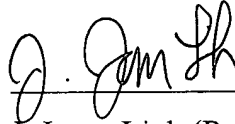
The specification has been amended to assert priority to pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/852,534 ("the '534 application"). A Notice of Allowance has been received in the '534 application, but Applicants have not yet paid the issue fee. Therefore, this divisional application may properly claim priority to the '534 application.

The Examiner in the '534 application issued a restriction requirement and Applicant elected to prosecute claims 1-18 directed to methods for controlling the mixing of dough ingredients. Thus, in this divisional application, Applicant has requested cancellation of the method claims without prejudice to their reintroduction in a subsequent application.

A favorable Office Action is respectfully solicited. The Examiner is respectfully invited to contact Jason Link at 336.607.7443 or Steven Gardner at 336.607.7483 to discuss any matter relating to this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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